

Dear Great Lakes Fisheries Leadership Institute Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Great Lakes Sea Grant Fisheries Leader. The Great Lakes Fisheries Leadership Institute (GLFLI) is designed to provide in-depth training to the 'next generation' of leaders - those who are new leaders to their fisheries related organizations and those interested in becoming leaders of their organizations within the next few years. GLFLI's goal is to provide the next generation of fisheries leaders for the Great Lakes region with the skills which they will need to effectively interact with fisheries management agencies and provide real leadership to the region as well as to their organizations. Over the course of the Institute, participants will learn (1) the biological basis for fish production in the natural waters of the Great Lakes, (2) the effects aquatic nuisance species have had on the carrying capacity of the Great Lakes and how this will affect the abundance and sustainability of their fisheries in the future, (3) the basic science of what composes essential fish habitat, (4) the basics of how toxic chemical contaminants affect sustainability of the fishery (habitat and reproduction) as well as public safety (consumption), (5) the ecological, economic, political, and socio-cultural environment within which Great Lakes fishery management operates and the fisheries management techniques applied to achieve fishery management objectives, (6) to understand Great Lakes institutional arrangements and funding authorities, (7) the needs of key public sectors and mechanisms for enhancing public participation in Great Lakes fisheries, and (8) basic leadership skills.

GLFLI takes the broadest possible view of fisheries issues - participants will be selected to represent a variety of fisheries stakeholders - commercial fishermen, charter captains, tribes, sportfishing associations, visitor bureaus, environmental NGOs, science writers, legislators, legislative aides, etc. This mix of viewpoints will help participants in the Institute to deepen their understanding of the multiple perspectives and stakeholders involved in any Great Lakes fishery management decision. Participants must be willing to openly interact and discuss issues with fellow participants who hold widely different views from their own.

Committed participants are the cornerstone of the Great Lakes Fishery Leadership Institute process. In addition to attending all GLFLI sessions and paying the course fees, participants are required to commit to a 'service project' which will make use of the skills which they have attained. Participants retain flexibility to design individual service projects (with the assistance of GLFLI staff) which make maximum use of their skills and provide maximum benefit to their local communities.

We appreciate your interest and look forward to the opportunity to work with you!

Sincerely,

Dr. Rochelle Sturtevant
GLFLI Coordinator

ENCLS. GLFLI Brochure, Dates of Institute Sessions, Application Form

Application Form for the Great Lakes Fisheries Leadership Institute

Candidate Information:

- Name: _____
- Address: _____
- Phone: _____
- E-mail (if available): _____
- Occupation: _____
- Highest completed level of education: _____

Great Lakes and Fisheries Experience (attach):

- Membership in Professional, Great Lakes, and/or fishing related Organizations:
- Professional, Great Lakes and/or Fishing related Awards:
- Great Lakes and/or Fishing Related Activities:
- Sea Grant and/or Extension related Activities:
- Great Lakes and/or Fishing related Hobbies:

Interest (attach a brief statement):

- Why are you interested in becoming a Great Lakes Fisheries Leader?

Potential Ideas for Service Project

- A service project is required of all Great Lakes Fisheries Leadership Institute participants upon completion of the formal course. Formulation of the service project is left entirely to the discretion of the candidate, sponsoring organization, and GLFLI session instructors and should be suited to the candidate's individual background. Please include a brief statement describing potential service project(s) in which you would be interested.
- Please include letters of support from any organization(s) whose support you need to have in order to complete your suggested service project.

Nominating or Sponsoring Organization (optional):

- Please attach support letter(s).

I understand that enrollment is contingent on the successful completion of the application process and that the misrepresentation or omission of information requested is just cause for non-acceptance. In applying for acceptance into the Great Lakes Fisheries Leadership Institute, I understand that I am committing to attend all Institute sessions and pay course fees as outlined in the attached documents and to completion of the service project described in my application.

Applicant Signature

Date